

Nestor MURPHY et al
Serial No. 09/921,303
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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

By way of the amendment instructions above, the typographical errors in the Examples helpfully noted by the Examiner have been corrected. In addition, many of the examples have been renumbered since it was discovered that there inadvertently was presented duplicate examples identified as "Example XVI (Invention)" -- see page 23, line 12 and page 24, line 3.

Independent claim 1 has been revised so as to include therein the substance of claim 2. As such, claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 55 has been rendered independent by inclusion of the subject matter of now cancelled claim 44.

In addition, the syntax of claim 62 has been reordered so as to address the Examiner's rejection advanced under 35 USC §112. Furthermore, trimethylchlorosilane and chlorofluoroalkylsilane have been added to the listing of alkylchlorosilanes recited in claim 62, support for which can be found at page 3, line 13, and page 12, line 15. Claim 63 has been revised merely to replace the abbreviation FAS(B) with its chemical formula as found at page 12.

All remaining issues raised in the subject official action are believed to have been mooted by virtue of the amendments and remarks presented herewith. Accordingly, early receipt of the official allowance notice is earnestly solicited.

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Should any small matter remain outstanding, however, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the applicants' undersigned attorney so that the same may be resolved without the need for an additional written action and response.

An early and favorable reply on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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